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 For : SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	8	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50(25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$200(100)	= 50
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

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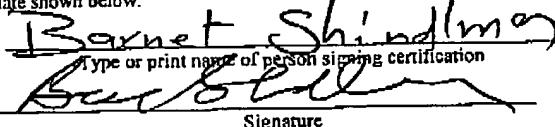
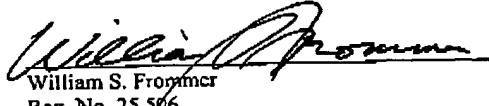
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450100-03242U.S. Application No. 09/866,286  
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Applicant(s) : TETSUJIRO KONDO ET AL.

Serial No. : 09/866,286

For : SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action that issued in the above-identified application on February 6, 2006, having a three-month period for response set to expire on May 6, 2006, Applicants' attorneys respond as follows: